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Independent Auditor's Report

November 29, 2000

The Honorable John G. Morgan
Comptroller of the Treasury
State Capitol
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Mr. Morgan:

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the State of Tennessee as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the State of Tennessee's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the State of Tennessee as of June 30, 2000, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary and nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in Note 2C to the general-purpose financial statements, the State of Tennessee has changed its equipment capitalization threshold.

The statistical and economic data, listed in the table of contents, were not audited by us, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion thereon.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we will issue our report dated November 29, 2000, on our consideration of the State of Tennessee's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants in the *Tennessee Single Audit Report*. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Sincerely,

/s/ Arthur A. Hayes, Jr.

Arthur A. Hayes, Jr., CPA, Director
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